

## Alexandria Gazette.

SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24.

## LOCAL NEWS

For this district slightly warmer, threatening weather with rain, light to fresh winds, generally northeasterly.

**CHURCH SERVICES, Etc., TO-MORROW.**—*Christ Church.*—Services at 11 a. m. and communion and at 4 p. m. by Rev. H. Suter. *St. Paul's Church.*—Services at 11 a. m. by Rev. Dr. Norton and communion.

*Grace Church.*—6:30 a. m., prayer; 10 a. m., missionary service; 11 a. m. sermon and communion; 3:30 p. m., Sunday school; 4:30 p. m., intercession service; 7:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

*St. Mary's Church.*—Mass at 6 and 11 a. m. and sermons, by Rev. Fathers DeWolf and Quinn. Vespers at 4 p. m.

*First Presbyterian Church.*—Service at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. M. Nourse.

*Second Presbyterian Church.*—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. James I. Vance.

*Baptist Church.*—Services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. I. M. Mercer.

*Trinity Methodist Church.*—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. R. F. Bishop.

*Meth. Episc. Church South.*—Services at 11 a. m. by Rev. R. Smithson, and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Samuel Rogers, P. E.

*Meth. Prot. Church.*—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. S. J. Smith.

*Free Methodist Church.*—Service at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. T. Michael.

*German Lutheran Church.*—Service at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. A. Schwoy. Children's Christmas service at 7 p. m.

*Young Men's Christian Association.*—Prayer meeting at the rooms at 4:30 p. m. Alms House at 2:30 p. m. and jail at 2 p. m.

No paper will be issued from this office on Monday. The tri-weekly edition will be issued to-day.

CHRISTMAS, that most joyous of all festivals, is here again, bringing with it blessed memories, spiritual and social. That it may prove a truly enjoyable occasion to all is the earnest wish of the GAZETTE. Nearly nineteen centuries have elapsed since angelic choristers broke the stillness of that memorable night to announce the birth of the Great Redeemer and to proclaim "Peace on earth, good will to men," and in entering upon the anniversary of that greatest-of-all events in the history of the planet let the same spirit that caused the morning stars at creation's dawn to sing together, and all the Sons of God to shout for joy, animate and inspire us with a true conception of the import of the day we celebrate. Though the Christian faith had but an humble origin, the truths promulgated by its Founder have found lodgment in the hearts of both sage and wayfarer, until in our day we see the fulfillment of the forecast, drawn by the royal seer in Babylon centuries before the Advent—"the little stone becoming a mountain and filling the whole earth." It is the anniversary of the birth of this only true Potentate which is now upon us, and it is a time when joy should enter each heart and when feuds, jealousies, variance and all other unholy passions should be eliminated from the soul, when ecclesiastical preferences should be waived and every endeavor used to gladden the hearts of all, especially of those whose trust centres in the one Great Head. Christmas, too, is a season when we feel privileged to lay aside the trammels of life in order to enjoy a real flow of soul in gathering around our festive boards with these near and dear, or meeting in the assemblies of friends, where the fiction of intercourse gives birth to pleasant conversation which is exhilarating and healthful. That the convivial appetites of some, however, run riot with their reason on Christmas is to be deplored, but we can see no good reason because such is the case that all should be prevented from indulging in a season of cheer, nor that people should become modern Mohammeds and destroy the vines, in order to keep temptation from the sensual. "There is a time for all things," said one whose wisdom has long since become proverbial, and to "use but not abuse" the munificence of our Maker, is, of course, innocuous. Hence, let us remember that in celebrating the birth of the Prince of Peace "all things should be done decently and in order" if we would render the occasion what it should be—"a feast of fat things to the soul" as well as to the body.

THE HEARTS of many, especially of the younger generation, are, as usual, on Christmas Eve, filled to overflowing with the greatest expectations of what the morrow will bring forth, and that all may enjoy the full fruition of their hopes is earnestly wished; but that disappointment will chill the souls of some is probable, and should the demon Discontent find a lodgment in the bosom of any whose hopes shall not be realized, let such remember that at this time thousands of our fellow beings in the Far West are suffering from the rigors of severe cold, and not a few have succumbed and folded their arms in submission to the King of Terrors, while among the Mongolians we are told that an innumerable multitude are at this hour sitting half-clothed, unsheltered and crying for food on the banks of a river whose torrent recently swept away their humble habitations, together with all they possessed. The fact should never be lost sight of that our lot has been cast in a country which has been significantly exempt from terrible upheavals of nature which come like avalanches in other localities and carry death and destruction before them, and in contemplating the immunity we have so long enjoyed none should be so thoughtless as to become "murmurers and complainers" at the petty annoyances and disappointments which are the lot of all.

CHRISTMAS this year will be none the less observed in this city because it falls on Sunday, for Monday will be celebrated as the general holiday and from present appearances the participation in the festivities of the season will be shared by the community generally, irrespective of class or age. On Monday the banks and all the city and government offices will be closed Sunday hours. There will be no meeting of Change; none of the railroad companies will receive or deliver freight, most of the stores will be closed and the citizens generally will put aside their business cares for one day and eat, drink and be merry.

THE OPERA HOUSE.—The drama "Black Hawk," to be produced next Tuesday night, with Arizona Joe in the leading role, is of the border order, and abounds in thrilling situations. The rifle shooting of Arizona Joe is made a feature. The numerous auxiliaries, such as trained dogs, trick ponies and a well drilled dramatic corps, together with the marvelous feats performed with the rifle, furnishes a pleasing entertainment.

Miss Claire Scott is announced to appear at the Opera House next Thursday night in the role of Mary Stuart. The Hartford Telegram says: "Miss Scott is possessed of majestic beauty, a fine form, a beautiful face and a magnificent voice, to which she adds all the grace and ability of a finished actress, which she can certainly claim the right to be considered."

**PRESENTATIONS.**—At St. John's Academy yesterday afternoon cadet Ernest D. Sumner, on behalf of the intermediate division, presented Capt. Wm. H. Sweeney, teacher of mathematics, with a handsome toilet set in token of their appreciation of the ability and care with which they had been taught. At 9 p. m., after a final illustrated lecture on electro-magnetism, at which, besides the boys, a number of ladies attended, cadet Lieut. Joseph L. Sanford presented the Principal, Mr. Richard L. Carne, with a handsome set of books as a mark of their esteem and affection. Both gentlemen made brief and appropriate remarks. This morning all the cadets who live near enough left for home.

The scholars of many of the public schools yesterday presented their teachers with Christmas presents as tokens of the esteem in which they are held. Col. Ficklin, principal of Washington School, received a gold headed cane, a gold pen and an inkstand; Mr. Greenwell, of Washington School No. 2, received a handsome set of books and several books; Miss Clarkston, Principal of Lee School, received a handsome basket of fruit and confections, and many of the other teachers were the recipients of suitable presents.

The pupils of the Potomac Academy gave the Principal as Christmas present a very handsome lamp, and the assistant, a dressing case. The members of the Bible class, in connection with the school, gave their teacher, Mr. J. C. Ambler, a set of George Eliot's works.

**POLICE REPORT.**—Last night was clear until 11 o'clock, when it became cloudy. There were four prisoners and six lodgers at the station house.

Acting Mayor Strauss to-day disposed of the following cases:

Bettie Mason and Alice Smith, both colored, arrested by officers Ticer and Jones for being drunk and disorderly, were fined \$2.50 each.

Wm. Kent, colored, arrested by officers Bettis and Young charged with an assault on E. E. Green with a pistol and also for carrying concealed weapons, was fined \$20.

Harvey Baulter, colored, arrested by officer Sherwood for disorderly conduct, was fined \$5.

DEATHS.—Mr. Samuel N. Chipley, an old and well-known citizen of this city, died in Washington last night, in the 78th year of his age. The deceased was for a number of years a constable here, and the last of the quarter which in the olden time were a terror to evil doers hereabouts.

Mr. Robert McCuen, an old and respected citizen, died at his late residence, near the Bridge pump, last night.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.—Christmas services of song in most of the city churches will as usual be elaborate to-morrow, and as the holiday falls on Sunday the combination of the two services will produce a fine collection of sacred music. The several churches having been practicing for some time past and many excellent selections will be rendered.

THE CONCHO.—Nothing has yet been done towards raising the steamer Concho, bound to this city, before reported snagged and sunk in the Southern Branch below Norfolk. It is said that, being an iron hull vessel, the hole in her bottom can only be patched from the inside, after her cargo is taken out.

PERSONAL.—Mayor John B. Smoot, who has been quite ill for several days past, spent a comfortable night and was better to-day.

A Total Eclipse of all other medicines by Dr. R. V. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery" is approaching. Unvalued in bilious disorders, impure blood, and consumption, which is scrofulous disease of the lungs.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A Merry Christmas to all.

Remember the poor and give according to your abundance.

The teachers of all the public schools of the city were paid their salaries for the month of December to-day.

The steamer Sue, of the Potomac Transportation Company, will be laid off until February after to-morrow's trip.

John Caton, who was recently arrested in this city yesterday held for the Washington grand jury for stealing Thomas F. Conroy's pony and sulky.

In the Washington Police Court yesterday, David Barber, late of Fauquier county, who alleges himself to be a doctor, was in the Police Court with a charge of assault against Isaac West and Abner Young, negroes. The doctor asserted that he prescribed only root medicines good for the blood, as he had learned from the old Virginia negroes, but the young colored men said a Mrs. Goodloe thought he was conjuring her house, and they took hold of him and carried him away. The complaint was dismissed.

Mr. Geo. Head, of this county, missed his team left at a store door in this city on Thursday night, and after much search by the police it was concluded that it had been stolen, but yesterday morning it was discovered that the horses had trotted out to their home in the county, and were waiting at the stable door for provender.

Rev. J. T. Michael will preach at the Free Methodist Church to-morrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. His subject will be "Why are there so many unconverted persons in the city of Alexandria?"

The market to-day was fairly supplied with everything that goes to make up a Christmas dinner. Large quantities of evergreens were also for sale in and about the market.

The streets have been enlivened to-day by crowds of boys blowing their Christmas horns.

The season for partridge shooting closed to-day in Prince George's county, Md.

Why Do Crowds Gather.

The question can be easily answered by all those visiting the Great Fire Insurance Companies' sale of fine custom made clothing, &c., at their salesrooms, No. 480 Pennsylvania avenue northwest Washington.

This stock saved from the late Insurance fire in New York, includes, besides a medium grade of goods, a fine line of the finest domestic and imported fabrics ever shown, and gotten up in the latest and most fashionable styles and with high class trimmings. There are suits, overcoats, pants, &c., for men, youths, boys, and children, and as all the goods have been appraised and are being sold at forty cents on the dollar, it presents an opportunity of securing bargains seldom or never before offered. At the present the stock will soon be closed out, and any one needing clothing, hats, &c., would do well to call at once. Everything will be sold just as represented at the Insurance Companies' salesrooms, No. 480 Pennsylvania avenue northwest Washington. Open evenings until 9 o'clock.

FOR A USEFUL PRESENT a nice clock for your wife or child would be very acceptable, and no one keeps a better stock at more reasonable prices than our former townsman, CHAS. BAUM, of 416 Seventh street, Washington, who has an immense establishment and at present is making a great display of Holiday Goods. Pay him a visit.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS—Rogers' celebrated Ivory-handled Table Knife, Silver-plated Spoons and Forks, Penknives and Ladles, Scissors of the best quality.

JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.

## [COMMUNICATED.]

To R.—Yes, according to Goldsmith's history, (page 46) Greece had seven wise men, viz: Thales, the Milesian; Solon, of Athens; Chilo, of Lacedaemon; Pittacus, of Mitylene; Periander, of Corinth; Bias and Cleobolus, whose birth places have not been ascertained. Doubtless R. had in his mind the "Seven Sleepers of Ephesus" when he put his query, for his history of classic days seems to have given him the slip and left him in the same oblivion into which those slumberers were plunged while dozing off two centuries.

If R. wishes further information the names of the eleven wise (?) men of Alexandria can also be given.

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Lord Nelson's perfidy towards Sir William Hamilton has undying remembrance. His evil deed lives after him, a blot on his escutcheon. Now comes Historian McMaster and essays to smash another idol—Benjamin Franklin. He was something of a reprobate McMaster characterizes him as "a smart rascal, hypocritical, immoral, a charlatan in science and letters." This grim satirist also says: "There never was a man so little entitled to be regarded as a model as Benjamin Franklin, and yet he is to this day the model of every school boy as the exemplar of selfish thrift and shrewd but conscienceless cunning. His life is only a proof, if this model is a model, that dishonesty is the best policy."

A check for \$10,172 has been sent to Edward Burgess, of Boston, by New York yachtsmen, as a testimonial to his skill in designing the victorious yacht Mayflower, Puritan and Volunteer.

The Boston Herald has christened the present style of corsage the alphabetical, because of the V back and the C front.

Ingratitude is, of all crimes, what in ourselves we account the most venial—in others the most unpardonable.

This world would be a very great world if it were not so wasteful of its money.

Salvation Oil always cures pain. It should be the companion of every traveling man. It extinguishes pain, whether resulting from a cut, a burn, a bruise or a sprain. Get only the genuine. Price twenty-five cents a bottle.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Exchange at Alexandria, Va., Dec. 24, 1887.

In accordance with the usual custom, and in order to give the employees an opportunity to enjoy Xmas, the Exchange will on Monday observe Sunday hours.

Subscribers will please take notice that the Exchange will be closed from 10 a. m. till 12 mid-night. (1) P. H. SULLIVAN, Manager.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.

I will be in my store, 324 King street, during the month of December to meet those wishing any information connected with their State or city assessments. Office hours: 2 to 5 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE DUFFEY, Commissioner of the Revenue.

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LICENSE NOTICE.

All persons doing business for which a license is required, and who have not paid, are requested to call at the Mayor's Office from 12 to 2 o'clock each day from now to December 31st, and settle.

dec6-td JNO. B. SMOOT, Mayor.

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SMOKED BLOATERS,

CLOVER LEAF BONELESS CODFISH and

PRIME FAT MACKEREL just received by

A. C. HARMON & CO.

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COW DRINK! COW DRINK!

For gargle, maw bound, bloating and fever, tick fever and abortion preventive, just received and for sale by

nov25 W. F. CREIGHTON & CO.

THOMAS'S LIQUID BLUE,

IN PAPER BOTTLES,

entirely free from acids, and guaranteed pure. The greatest quality for the least money of any pure goods on the market. Don't fail to try it.

mb5 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

GUNS, PISTOLS, PERCUSSION CAPS, WADS, &c., at a further reduction in prices to close out. We have on hand the "Merino Felt Wads," Baltimore make, at manufacturer's prices. Call at 88 King, corner of Royal street.

dec7 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

SPORTING GOODS, GUNS, &c.—We are now receiving our stock of Paper Shells, Guns, Primers, Wads, &c., to which we invite the attention of the public. Prices low and goods first-class.

aug23 JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.

SHEEP DIP, Sage, Ground Sage, Diamond Dyes, Fitch's Pocket Scales, Hood's Sarsaparilla, Warner's Kidney and Liver Cure, Brown's Iron Bitters, Volina (Cordial), Pratt's Astral Oil, and Sweet Majorana—a large supply just received.

dec1 E. S. LEADREATER & BRO.

OAK WAGON HUBS, Hickory and Oak Rims

each kind, also Shafts, Poles, Wagon Skins and Boxes, both steel and iron, fresh and full stock at

aug18 JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS,

Alexandria, Va.

FINE PERFUMERY.

Something New.

Blue Belle of Scotland, Trailing Arbutus, Tally Ho, Marechal Niel Rose and Alpine Violets at

je28 JOHN D. H. LUNTS.

THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY will be enjoyed more if there is a nice CARVER and FORK for the host to carve with. We have them at all prices.

dec15 JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.

ONE-POUND BLOCKS COD FISH,

Fancy stock.

sep9 GEORGE McBURNEY & SON.

FALL TRADE, 1887.

Offers a full line of FANCY and STAPLE GEOGRAPHIES at low prices.

sep9 J. C. MILBURN.

Now No. 113 N. Royal st.

HAVING a very large assortment of Wax and Tallow-head, French Washable Face and Bisque, Movable Joint Dolls, I will sell them very cheap to close them out.

dec12 AMOS B. SLAYMAKER.

WE OFFER special inducements in GUNS

PISTOLS, SHELLS, &c., and other goods of that line. Call and see at 88 King, corner of Royal street.

sep27 J. T. CREIGHTON & SON.

LOW PRICES—Good Cooking Raisins, 7c; best Turkish Prunes, 7c; best Currants, 7c; best Citron, 25c; Dinner Nuts, mixed, 15c. All new fresh goods at

dec13 J. C. MILBURN'S.

THE LADIES' FRIENDS—A CARPET SWEEPER and an ENTERPRISE MEAT CUTTER. Both are useful all the year round and make a capital Christmas gift.

dec15 JAS. F. CARLIN & SONS.

TRY LUNT'S COUGH SYRUP

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.

Price 25c; sample bottle 10c.

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NEW MACKEREL.

FANCY NOS. 1 AND 2 MACKEREL just received; white and fat.

sep5 GEO. McBURNEY & SON.

SOMETHING NEW FOR A CHRISTMAS GIFT.

Rose Jats and Po pourri, Japanese goods of all kinds, Scrolls, Screens, Mats, Bowls, Teapots, &c., &c., at

nov25 E. J. MILLER SON & CO'S.

KENTUCKY WHISKEY, three years old, \$2.50 per gallon; the best value we have ever seen.

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## MEDICINAL.

**DR. HENLEY'S EXTRACT OF CELERY**

TRADE MARK.

**BEEF & IRON.**

A Most Effective Combination.

This well known Tonic and Nerve is gaining great reputation as a cure for Debility, Dyspepsia, and NERVOUS disorders. It restores all languid and debilitated conditions of the system; strengthens the intellect, and bodily functions; builds up worn out Nerves; aids digestion; restores impaired or lost Vitality, and brings back youthful strength and vigor. It is pleasant to the taste, and used regularly breaks the System against the depressing influence of Malaria.

Price—\$1.00 per Bottle of 24 ounces.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

## AMUSEMENTS.

## OPERA HOUSE

THURSDAY, DEC. 29.

The Dramatic Event—The Brilliant Emotional Actress,

CLAIRE SCOTT,

In Schiller's Sublime Play,

"MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS."

Miss Scott has made a great popular success in the role of Mary Queen of Scots.

Admission 25 and 35c; reserved seats 50 and 75c.

A beautiful Cabinet Photo. of Miss Scott presented to every lady holding a reserved seat.

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## OPERA HOUSE

One Night Only,

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th.

THE GREAT, THE ONLY, THE ORIGINAL

ARIZONA JOE,

AND HIS WONDERFUL ACTING HORSES AND DOGS,

In Two Great Dramas,

BLACK HAWK and THE WILD VIOLET.

In which he introduces his \$10,000 challenge rifle shooting and his two great plays

Beautiful Scenery and Mechanical Effects.

Admission 15, 25, 35 and 50c. dec22 3t

## AUCTION SALES.

By R. T. Lucas, Auctioneer.

TRUSTEES SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a deed of trust, from Henry Grube and Annie A. Grube, his wife, dated May 4th, 1880, recorded in deed book No. 17, page 118, and by order of the Board of Directors of the Mt. Vernon Co-operative Building Association No. 2, of Alexandria, Va., the undersigned will sell at public auction, in front of the Royal street entrance to the market building, at 12 o'clock, noon, on SATURDAY, January 7th, 1888, the following property, to wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR TRACTS AND LOT OF GROUND on the west side of Patrick street, between King and Cameron streets, in the city of Alexandria, Va., fronting twenty feet, six inches on Patrick street, and extending west with same width as the front one hundred and twenty-three feet five inches.

Terms of sale—Cash.

HUBERT SNOWDEN, Trustee.

C. A. YOHE, Trustee.

S. B. STOUTENBURGH, Trustee.

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## CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Room No. 2 Market Building,

Alexandria, Va., Dec. 19, 1887.

DELINQUENT STATE TAX-PAYERS TAKE NOTICE.

At the January term of the Corporation Court, at the Court House of the Corporation Court House, on Fairfax street, I will OFFER AT PUBLIC SALE ALL THE REAL ESTATE belonging to delinquent tax payers for the year 1884, a description of which can be seen at my office, No. 2 Market Building, or at the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court.

M. B. HARLOW, City Treasurer.

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By R. T. Lucas, Auctioneer.

BY VIRTUE of a resolution passed by the City Council on the 13th of December, 1887, the undersigned will expose for sale at public auction for cash, on WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of December, 1887, at 12 o'clock m., at the Royal street entrance to the Market Building, the following described REAL ESTATE, situated in the city of Alexandria, bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point nineteen feet four inches from the south-western intersection of Cameron and Fayette streets, and running south with Fayette street nineteen feet three inches; thence west parallel to Cameron street eighty feet to an alley ten feet wide, extending to Cameron street; thence north parallel to Fayette street and with the line of said alley nineteen feet three inches; thence east parallel to Cameron street to the point of beginning, with the right of way over said alley—subject to an annual ground rent of six dollars per annum.

F. E. CORBETT, Chm. Com. on Public Property.

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WANTS.

WANTED—ONE THOUSAND BUSHELS OF OYSTER SHELLS, to be delivered at once on the Leesburg turnpike, from Hooft's run, west for about one hundred yards, for which I will pay two cents per bushel.

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F. H. JANNEY.

NEW MUSIC STORE.